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The shepherds pay homage to baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph at Redeemer Lutheran Church's Nativity play on Sunday, Dec. 16.

Kevin Vink/Didsbury Review

## COP keeping Didsbury's streets safe

BY CHRISTI ALBERS-MANICKE  
 Courier Staff

For 10 years, the volunteers of Didsbury/Carstairs Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.) have been assisting the RCMP and keeping a close eye on the streets of their communities.

Retired R.C.M.P. officer Al Hansen was one of the founding five members who started the Didsbury Citizens on Patrol in 2003. Within a few months of its creation, the group joined forces with the Carstairs branch and has grown over the past years into a vital part of the community.

Hansen says that C.O.P. volunteers act as the eyes and ears of the RCMP while maintaining safe and secure communities.

"We try to establish our credibility within both communities. They support us well and we try to give back as much as we can," he says.

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP says officers are more than willing to work with volunteers and utilize the information and services they provide, and that by having the C.O.P. within communities, RCMP are able to expand their coverage to rural areas and communities.

"Our police resources are stretched thin. By having additional eyes and ears out there it helps keep our community as safe as possible."

Both Hansen and Jacobson say that the C.O.P. volunteers sometimes have an advantage over officers because

they blend into civilian settings more easily - they don't attract as much attention as a marked police car.

"We find when it's just a car driving down the street and not a police car driving by, they tend to keep doing what they're doing. They can come across more than we do and they share the information with us."

Citizens on Patrol works closely with the RCMP, exchanging information from both sides.

"Sometimes we will let them know the problem areas within the two communities so they can increase their patrols in those areas," says Jacobson. "It helps deter crime because individuals have no idea who is driving by and whether or not they are reporting it to us."

So far in 2012 C.O.P. members logged 1,320 patrol hours. Hansen says that in 2011 there were 188 patrols totalling 1,504 hours.

"The patrols cover the towns and the industrial areas immediately outside of the towns because that's where the activity is," says Hansen.

The C.O.P. currently has 33 volunteers, but in winter, those numbers sometimes drop.

"We have people who do this regularly, and then we have snowbirds who are beginning to disappear for the winter so the rest of us pick up the slack."

"We observe and report," says Hansen.

Over the last 10 years, he said volunteers have experienced all sorts of scenarios while on patrol.

"Everything from vandalism, impaired drivers to suspicious persons who have turned into a wanted person," he

says. "Over the years we've had a few cases where we reported a suspicious vehicle and the people have been wanted."

Hansen invites anyone interested to become a member of C.O.P., adding that the only requirements are that the volunteer is over 18, has no criminal record, and is willing to practise and uphold the unit's three-C policy of commitment, communication and credibility.

A provincially issued manual and hands-on training with equipment and road training is provided to all new volunteers.

Members are asked to do one night patrol a month which is a minimum of four hours although some members do more patrols than required.

Sgt. Jacobson encourages those who have been victimized by crime to also join C.O.P.

"Citizens on Patrol gives victims a chance to be empowered and take action to prevent further victimization and regain their confidence," he says.

Many communities in the province have a Citizens on Patrol unit. Hansen estimates that there are about 70 throughout the province.

Once a year those groups come together for an annual general meeting, giving the groups a chance to brainstorm with others. It also gives members a chance to take part in beneficial workshops.

"Citizens on Patrol is a great benefit and it helps us ensure we keep Didsbury and Carstairs two of the safest communities in Alberta," concludes Hansen.



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# Trip to Roret saw goals accomplished, says Jackson

BY KEVIN VINK  
Review Staff

Cathy Jackson took a trip to the village of Roret, Kenya in early November to see the village for herself. She and her church have paired up with a local church there in order to improve the quality of life for those living there.

"It was really good," said Jackson. "It was what I had thought it would be and more."

She took her son, 13-year-old Sage, along for the journey and she said it really helped him to see how fortunate we as Canadians are.

"I really wanted him to go to really see how the

rest of the world lives," she said.

"I think when you live in Canada, you think that this is kind of normal for most people in the world, but really we're one of the fewer countries that live this way."

"The majority of people don't, and I think it was really eye-opening."

They arrived in Nairobi and visited the Kibera slum, which has a population of about one million people.

"It was something else," she said. "All the video and TV programs you see about slums cannot impress upon you the smell."

From garbage to open sewers to goats roaming

the streets, she said, "It is horrendous."

"When you're walking, you're praying 'please don't let me fall down,' because you don't want to land in all the refuse."

After visiting the school there, she and her team visited the medical clinic.

"The waiting room was probably half the size of your office (48 square feet)," she said.

"We looked at the pharmacy and there were two shelves with a few medicines here and there, but really there wasn't much."

She got to visit the women's beading cooperative as well, a group of about 65 HIV-positive women who meet once a



Cathy Jackson/Submitted

Cathy's son, Sage Jackson, sits with some of the students at a Kenyan school.

week to make crafts to sell at the market, she said.

"And the money that comes back helps pay for their medical care and also any profits get split for all the women, that they can then invest in their own businesses."

"They all have their own businesses and this helps fund seed money for our businesses."

Some of the items she purchased were available at the Fall Fashion Show that happened on Nov. 17, she added.

After meeting the beading cooperative, Jackson and her son headed to Roret, the village that has been getting support through Project Roret, a Chinook Winds Christian Centre mission.

"We met the local pastors of the church that we're sistering with," said Jackson, "and part of our job there was really to solidify the plan for the well that we're doing."

She and her team looked

at three different parcels of land.

But in that area, it's not as simple as just buying the land, she added.

"Finally we were able to find one, but you can't just buy land there. Everything's very tribal. We found a piece of land, but we had to get the chief involved and the local elders involved, because our pastor is a different tribe than the people that own the land."

"So there's a lot of tribal politics there."

Once the issue was resolved, they purchased the land, she said.

Now, she noted, the church just needs to get the well installed. Though it is two kilometres away from the village, Jackson said that because the well is going to be on a hill, they will be able to pipe the water directly to the village easily.

The reason why they couldn't build the well any closer to the village, she

explained, is that the groundwater in Roret is all hot, salty water, because of the volcanic activity below the village.

"So we had to find fresh water tables and there isn't any fresh water in Roret."

She said the mission is also looking to buy an acre and a half of land to build a school and another acre for a community garden to help families provide for themselves.

One of her most memorable moments was interviewing a local family, she said.

"I was doing a lot of video work because I wanted to have a video presentation, because it's more real to show people what things are actually like, as opposed to a photograph."

Jackson interviewed a family to get an idea of what a day in their life is like, she said.

She learned that they live in a two-room shack made of tin, and the living room itself is about 60 square feet she said.

"It was really humbling."

They don't have breakfast or lunch, other than tea, and for supper they will either have ugali, cornmeal porridge or kale, a type of cabbage, she said.

Asking about where they slept, the family told her they sleep on the floor and use sheets for blankets.

"And it gets cold there. People think Africa's hot all the time. In the winter season and in the evenings it can be quite cool...and not to have any sheets or any blankets."

After the interviews were completed, she and her team bought the family a big bag of rice and some blankets as a way of saying "thank you."

"I'll never forget what the father said, because they're a very humble family, and he said, 'Today I saw God come into my home.'"

"That really made an impact on me. The people were very gracious."


It was a great trip overall, she added.

"We accomplished all the goals we wanted to accomplish. And for my son, it really opened his eyes."



Cathy Jackson/Submitted


A family in Roret stands outside of their house for a photo.



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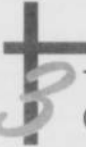
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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Thieves deserve the bah humbug

With all of these stolen Christmas lights recently around Sundre I wonder where the spirit of Christmas has gone. Christmas is supposed to be a time for giving, for thinking of others and cherishing your loved ones.

When has it become a time of selfishness and pitiful acts?



**PATRICIA RILEY**

These Scrooges should not be weighing down the spirit of Christmas in the county. I don't like seeing them discouraging people to decorate for the season.

These thieves are most likely stealing the lights for a few reasons. One, they think it's funny and don't have anything better to do. Two, they haven't had good experiences with Christmas and don't feel like anyone else deserves to enjoy it.

At this point, I don't believe they are stealing them because they can't afford their own. There are too many kind people throughout the region willing to help out with those unfortunate issues.

I believe these thieves are enjoying getting a rise out of the citizens. And they are taking it as a joke and for attention.

I just want to say to the thief or thieves that if these unsavoury acts are your way of showing how you really just don't like Christmas, then don't try and take the spirit away from everyone else.

You will soon figure out Christmas brings a special magic that is too powerful to be broken by disrespectful children.

I am not necessarily saying the thief or thieves are children but I am referring to them as children because even if they aren't, they are sure acting as such and that's how they deserve to be treated.

Personally, I love the holiday season. I love feeling the spirit, seeing the lights, the decorations, the smiles, the giving, the love, the colours, the snowfalls, the frosted trees, the presents, the baking, hearing the festive music and so much more.

We should never forget how exciting Christmas was when we were growing up; how you could never get to sleep on Christmas Eve because of the devious plan going through your racing mind of trying to see Santa Claus.

I remember being so happy to leave cookies and milk out for Santa, as well as carrots for his reindeer.

Waking up on Christmas morning was always the best feeling, seeing presents under the tree and knowing he came. It felt like the best day in history.

Now, Christmas for me is still as exciting as ever. The best part is seeing the reaction on my loved ones' faces when they open their presents. I love giving and it's the best time of the year because it provides an excuse to be able to do so.

I am really looking forward to spending Christmas with my family, my friends, my pets, my boyfriend and his loving family.

Christmas is here and why don't we all embrace and enjoy it. There have been too many tragedies occurring in the world. Life is a gift.

We should be hugging the ones we love and holding them close to our hearts.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas, Didsbury!



## Commentary

### Having fake Christmas tree is not allowed

BY KELLY MCKENZIE

VANCOUVER - I can't do fake.

Even though sap will linger on my fingers for days, water will inevitably seep from the stand onto the hard-

wood, and the Douglas fir needles will work their way into random corners of my house, to me it just wouldn't be Christmas without a real tree. Friends think I'm crazy. Most of them have opted for beautiful, show-stopper artificial trees. The lights are professionally hung with nary a wire in sight, the branches are perfectly shaped and the overall appearance is lush and full. Once assembled, maintenance can be ignored. No frantic monitoring of the water level, no mopping or daily sweeping required. Still I can't be tempted. My belief is entrenched. Christmas is encapsulated in the scent, sight and touch of a real tree.

Of course, to "real tree" devotees the first question is: alive or chopped? Growing up, I had no say in the matter. My brother and father would zip up to our cabin at Roberts Creek on the Sunshine Coast and return home that night with a freshly cut Douglas fir. As life got more complicated, quick trips to the local Christmas tree lot became the norm. In fact, it wasn't until I got married that the question was even considered. After much debate, we opted for cut; the concept of nurturing a heavy root ball wasn't appealing. As a nod to the environment we agreed that the tree must be recycled at the end of the season.



**KELLY MCKENZIE**

The second question is: already cut or you cut? Once our two children were born, the visit to the local gardening store suddenly seemed mundane. I wanted our young family to experience the perceived joy of selecting and cutting a tree.

However, it wasn't until 1997, almost a year after my husband died that I actually took the plunge. I was fiercely determined that our first Christmas without him would be special, not cripplingly sad; he would expect nothing less. So, amidst a seasonal downpour, armed with only a ball of string from the yard and a saw from the toolbox I bundled our two-year-old son and three-year-old daughter into their car seats and headed out. Not to worry that my research on tree farms was limited to signs dotting the highway near the town of Langley, an hour away. Looking back with 15 years' experience under my belt, I marvel at my naivete.

First of all, we didn't need the saw; each farm provides one. Second, garden string, even if it isn't weakened from wintering outside, isn't strong enough to hold the tree to the roof. And finally, toddlers, especially cold and hungry ones, aren't much help in the sawing department.

Our experience has vastly improved over subsequent years. The packed hearty lunch of ham and cheese sandwiches, homemade Christmas cookies and chocolate bark washed down with hot chocolate does wonders for morale, as does the heartwarming accompaniment of festive-loving older nieces and nephews. That we get to hand-

pick our tree in situ is an added bonus.

We would have stayed loyal to the original farm if not for one thing. On the third visit, the trees were completely sold out, forcing us to roam the winding streets of the Fraser Valley for a good hour before a prospective alternative appeared. With the light quickly fading, we chose the least Charlie Brownish tree of the few on offer and headed for home with the tree jammed inside. After the previous year's near disaster when the tree slipped down over the windshield onto the hood as we shot along Highway 1, we all agreed it should ride home safely. In the car. With us. Mere minutes later, however, unfestive spitting and slapping sounds erupted from the back, followed by ear splitting shrieks. Apparently the tree was home to hundreds of green flying bugs...

Since that unfortunate episode, we've been loyal to a farm located just down the road from our favourite pumpkin patch in Fort Langley. With acres of selection ranging from Douglas fir, Noble fir, Fraser fir etc. we've always managed to find the perfect tree. The added delight of piped-in Christmas carols, free candy canes and a restorative roaring campfire at the end reinforces our devotion.

This year only my son and I were in town to make the trip. Yes, I've recently found needles in the laundry room downstairs and both my coat and jeans are marked with sap.

But I wouldn't have it any other way. It's Christmas.

*Kelly McKenzie delights in writing about the minutiae of everyday life. Widowed, mother of two active teenagers, she is awash with material. Her column is distributed by Troy Media.*

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### January 10

Thank you to all the many volunteers, supporters and donors for your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity. You make this program possible and you are appreciated. Our Friends & Fun Program will begin again on January 10th at 1:30 p.m. Christmas Blessings to all. Didsbury Seniors Support Services

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## Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

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# Council considers memorial benches, gardens

BY KEVIN VINK  
Review Staff

Benches and memorial gardens are becoming more of a focus as council gets closer to deciding on memorial options at the cemetery.

At the council meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 27, councillors discussed putting up benches with memorial plaques along pathways as well as a garden at the cemetery.

"Long-term maintenance on (memorial forests) are expensive, because in the

lifespan of say, 10 to 15 years, maybe even longer, a tree dies and you end up having to replace it because you specifically put it there for an individual, and a dead tree isn't a good thing," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

The long-term costs on these kinds of projects would end up being a burden on tax dollars, rather than something like a memorial bench that has minimal upkeep and replacement costs, he added.

"You could do it for any-

thing you wanted to, realistically. In recognition, memoriam, celebration, really if there's any reason anybody would want to put something up.

"Especially if we're talking about the walking path. Every kilometre, there could be a sign or a plaque."

There are a number of different ways to go, he noted.

But on the benches, at least the likelihood of the plaques coming off or getting vandalized is pretty slim, he said.

"Plaques are pretty well bulletproof," said Wittal.

"The benches may need to be replaced over the years, but they would (have to normally), due to wear and tear anyway, and that becomes part of your municipal budget. So it's not like you're adding anything extra."

The town will be planting trees anyway, he said, and not dedicating them to individuals makes the process much more simple.

Council is also looking at creating a memorial garden at the cemetery, with a large plaque or cenotaph, which people can pay to

put names onto, he said.

The funds gathered from the garden would be put into the cemetery committee's fund, which would be put towards maintenance and upkeep of the area.

"It's easier to maintain and change a garden and let the cemetery committee look after it," he said.

## Big company helps make a difference

BY KEVIN VINK  
Review Staff

Didsbury resident Mike Jackson was chosen as one of the winners for this year's Monsanto Fund's Farmers Grow Communities program, securing a grant of \$2,500 for the Arthritis Society, a Canadian organization.

The Monsanto-sponsored program is aimed at strengthening rural communities by providing the opportunity for farmers to secure grants for their favourite charity or not-for-profit organization, according to Trish Jordan, public and industry affairs director for Monsanto.

A total of 58 winners were drawn from over 160 applications received from across Canada, she noted.

In total, The Monsanto Fund will be directing \$145,000 to groups who are making a difference in the lives of rural residents, she added.

"We are pleased with the response to our first year and look forward to building awareness and having many more farmers nominating groups or projects in their communities," said Jordan.

"We know there are endless needs in many rural communities, and who better to give us ideas about how to best allocate these grants than farmers? We know the grants will be put to good use

to help strengthen local programs and services."

Launched last summer, Jordan noted that winners of the contest were chosen with a random draw on Nov. 1, 2012.

The current plan is to continue the Canada's Farmers Grow Communities program in 2013 with the continued support of the Monsanto Fund, she said.

"Monsanto is fully committed to supporting rural communities and farmers across the country, whether providing them with great products that benefit their farming operation or offering our support to causes that matter to them," she said.

The program has also been well received and appreciated by farmers, based on feedback from some of the winners upon learning their charity was selected in the random draw, she added.

The Arthritis Society, chosen to receive the grant, allows young arthritis researchers to access and acquire combined expertise in basic science, clinical research, product service and development, and industrial partnering under the supervision of the Canadian Arthritis Network, according to officials.

Current and previously funded trainees have also established a professional association, the Canadian Arthritis Trainee Association, to further this cause.



Kevin Vink/Didsbury Review

**TOYS FOR KIDS** - (From left to right) Peter Winsor, Terry Phillips, Heather Coakwell, Kim Matthew, and Dave Smith Sr. drop off toys for the children's section of the hospital last Thursday, Dec. 19. Smith said that outpatients and others are also given the toys and stuffed animals.

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### PUBLIC MEETINGS

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**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT-** Harley Dickinson conducts as Ross Ford Elementary's Grade 1 classes sing carols for the residents of the Didsbury Hospital.

## RCMP encouraging safe holiday festivities

BY KEVIN VINK  
Review Staff

The RCMP want to make sure drivers are aware that it is check stop season.

"We remind drivers to enjoy themselves during their Christmas festivities, but also to have a designated, sober driver to drive them home," said Wright.

Cpl. Clint Gulash of the Didsbury RCMP, along with other members from both the Didsbury and Olds detachments performed a check stop on Dec. 14.

The stop was set up near the intersection of Highway 2A and Bergen Road and police were checking drivers on both the south- and northbound lanes, said Gulash.

"We processed quite a

few vehicles through there, easily 60 to 70 vehicles that we stopped, northbound and southbound," he said.

"There were violation tickets that were issued for different things, unregistered vehicles, that kind of stuff," he added.

He said they didn't catch any alcohol impaired drivers, though the Olds officers did process one driver for a drug-related offence.

During the check stop, everyone who was going to a party had a sober driver and people were storing their alcohol properly - out of reach of occupants, he noted.

"The laws are in place to keep people safe," he said.

"And you know, if you're drinking responsibly and you're doing things right,

you'll never blow over, if you have one or two in a couple hours and then drive." He noted that some people can be impaired and not blow over, simply because of tolerance levels, and those people can still be charged for impairment.

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said residents can expect additional check stops throughout the holiday season.

He hopes that people remember not to drink and drive over the holidays, he said.

"The risks aren't worth getting home in that fashion," said Jacobson. "There's so many other options out there for getting home now but that should not be the one that comes to mind."

## Grinches patrolling mailboxes

Police have been investigating multiple incidents of rural mailboxes being broken into and rifled through, said Cpl. Warren Wright.

Some of the mailboxes, all west of Carstairs, were personal single mailboxes and others were the green Canada Post multi-boxes, he added.

"Obviously criminals are looking for the seasonal cards containing cash, gift cards or anything of value. People (with individual boxes) are encouraged to maybe look at contacting Canada Post and getting into more of a secure box, the multi-boxes, as opposed to having the traditional ones in the driveway, because there's no security."

It is unfortunate that because it is the Christmas season, thieves expect that they can find something of value in other people's mail, he said.

The ones without locks are more susceptible to thefts than the multi-boxes, he noted, which tend to all be locked in the first place.

In the multi-box theft case, a heavy blunt instrument like an axe or mallet was used to break in, he added.

## Parked car theft

On Highway 581, just by the Carstairs overpass to the QEII Highway, Sgt. Jeff Jacobson reported that a vehicle was vandalized and burgled on Dec. 18 between 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

"There's an area there that people park in the mornings for commuting purposes," said Jacobson.

Because the vehicles are there, these vehicles may be left alone for hours, he said.

## Police Briefs

BY KEVIN VINK

The vandalized vehicle had its passenger window smashed out and a bag that was inside the vehicle, which contained basketball shoes and other clothing, was stolen, he said.

"We want to remind people who are leaving their vehicles parked in an area that can be unattended—without really anybody coming and going to watch—to ensure that the vehicles are obviously locked, but also that anything of potential value is out of sight, or not in the vehicle at all," he noted.

## Flatbed trailer stolen

Between Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. and Dec. 15 at 11:30 a.m. when it was noticed missing, police say a 20-foot flatbed trailer was stolen from an oil lease site.

The site is located southwest of Didsbury along Highway 766, said Jacobson.

The thieves attempted to steal the BobCat that belongs to the trailer as well, but failed to start it, he noted.

The licence plate on the trailer was 4KW-404 and police are asking anybody who may have information to report it to police.

## Grand theft auto

A blue 1990 GMC Sierra half-ton was stolen from a

driveway on Dec. 14 between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., said Jacobson.

The owner still has the keys and the vehicle has not been located, he added.

The licence plate on the truck at the time of the theft was SKB-034, he noted.

## Power pole collision

An older female hit a power pole in Didsbury on Wednesday, Dec. 19, which made some power lines come down and hang about six feet off the ground, said Jacobson.

If people see a power line down, he said they should never approach it, and call for assistance immediately.

"And if you're in a vehicle that's brought a power line down, stay in the vehicle if at all possible. Do not take a step out of that vehicle, and wait for the power to be shut off," said Jacobson.

Gulash said that utility employees reported that the electricity was arcing to the ground, even at six feet above the ground.

He said that in this incident, nobody was seriously hurt by the lines, but it is possible.

"So any time that you've got lines that are down, keep your distance. We don't want anyone running in to help, only to have something bad happen to them," said Gulash. "That's a lot of juice there."

Jacobson said the only occupant of the vehicle was transported to hospital with some injuries, but none that were life-threatening.

He said the cause of the crash is still under investigation.

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**Isaac Theodore Schmidt**  
(January 10th, 1919 to December 10th, 2012)



Ike Schmidt, 93 years of age, long-time resident and farmer of the Carstairs area, passed away at the Aspen Ridge Lodge in Didsbury, Alberta on Monday, December 10th, 2012. He was predeceased by his wife of 51 years (Mary, "the lady who played the bells") in 2004. He was born in Steinfeld Russia, came to Canada in 1926, and was raised in the Chinook area of Alberta, third eldest of eight siblings. Ike and his brother Nick farmed at Chinook and Morrin areas prior to 1949 when they purchased land east of Carstairs. Ike and Mary were married in October 1953 in Namaka, but resided on the farm east of Carstairs from 1953 - 1994 when they retired to a residence in Didsbury. He resided at the Linden Lodge from 2007 to 2011 and the Aspen Ridge Lodge for the last 18 months. Ike was an avid curler, in his early years, served on the Carstairs Recreation Board for several terms and managed minor hockey teams when his sons played. He was always interested in current farming news, techniques and methods, a strong supporter of early cooperatives such as the UFA and Wheat Pool and UGG. But his greatest love was travelling with Mary and supporting her many activities in the community. He enjoyed playing cards, puzzles and was a voracious reader until the last few years when his eye-sight and health began to fail. He was a supporter of Christian Missions and charities as well as the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. He will be lovingly remembered by his children Linda (Gary) Armagost of Ponoka, Ron (Jody) Schmidt of Carstairs; Gord (Lisa) Schmidt of Carstairs; 8 grandchildren Christine and Carrie, Cassidy and Rylee, Logan and Troy, Karlie and Kyle; 4 great-grandchildren Rhylliegh, Brenden, Caelan and Ashely; brother John Schmidt of Calgary and sister Erica (Sherman) Wetmore of Katy, TX; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Funeral services were held on Friday December 14, 2012 at Bergthol Mennonite Church, Carstairs with Pastor David Letkemann officiating. Interment followed in the Bergthol Cemetery. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610 www.heartlandfuneralservices.com



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